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Applicant : Shuto, et al. ) Group Art Unit 2813  
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Appl. No. : 09/990,075 )  
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Filed : November 21, 2001 )  
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For : METHOD FOR )  
MANUFACTURING )  
HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT )  
LIQUID CRYSTAL FILM )  
HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT )  
LIQUID CRYSTALLINE )  
COMPOSITION AND )  
HOMEOTROPIC ALIGNMENT )  
LIQUID CRYSTAL FILM )  
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Examiner : Erik J Kielin

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed April 24, 2003, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1, 2, 9, and 10, drawn to a method of manufacturing a homeotropic alignment liquid crystal film. This election is made without traverse.

No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,  
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